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Title of Application:	Tongue Cleaning Device
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Response to First Office Action

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 23, 2002, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendment

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Version of Amended Claims Showing Changes Made:

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1. (Amended) A tongue cleaning device comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a flexible material, said elongated member [defining] having a handle portion and a head portion; [and]
said handle portion being of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth, thereby permitting said head portion to be pressed with the user's tongue against the user's roof the the mouth; and

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A a cleaning portion attached to the head portion of said elongated member, said cleaning portion comprising a plurality of cleaning projections protruding outwardly from the head portion of said elongated member;

whereby the head portion of said elongated member can be pressed with the tongue against the roof of the mouth to conform the head portion to the shape thereof.

Sub B2
A2 8. (Amended) A tongue cleaning device comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material, said elongated member [defining] having a handle portion and a head portion; [and] said handle portion being of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth, thereby permitting said head portion to be pressed with the user's tongue against the user's roof the the mouth; and

a cleaning portion comprising a backing material having an adhesive on a first surface thereof adhered to the head portion of said elongated member, and having a plurality of fiber loops protruding from a second surface thereof;

whereby the head portion of said elongated member can be pressed with the tongue against the roof of the mouth to conform the head portion to the shape thereof.

Sub B3
A2 12. (Amended) A tongue cleaning device comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material, said elongated member [defining] having a handle portion and a head portion, the head portion having a width greater than a width of the handle portion;

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said handle portion being of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth, thereby permitting said head portion to be pressed with the user's tongue against the user's roof of the mouth; and

a cleaning portion attached to the head portion of said elongated member, said cleaning portion comprising a loop portion of a hook-and-loop fastening system; and

an antiseptic or antimicrobial compound carried in said cleaning portion;

whereby the head portion of said elongated member can be pressed with the tongue against the roof of the mouth to conform the head portion to the shape thereof.
